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GROWTH RATE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the effect of Macro-Management Scheme which is an integration of 27 schemesinto one scheme on supplementation/complementation of States towards the specific problems faced by them during the year 2000-2001; and

(b) if so, the extent of growth rate achieved during 2000-2001 in comparison to the last year growth rate?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): It has been decided to switchover from the conventional Schematic approach toMacro Management mode for providing assistance to States for development ofagriculture. The Scheme envisages integration of 27 Schemes into one Scheme for Supplementation/complementation of States` Efforts through Work Plans, which will give the flexibility to States to address the specific problems faced by them and avoid overlapping in the context of different schemes and aim for all-round development of agriculture. Apart from better targeting of scarce financial resources, the benefits of the Macro Management Scheme will include:

(i) Reflection of local needs/priorities in planning for agricultural development.

(ii) Optimal utilization of scarce resources.

(iii) Maximization of returns.

(iv) Removal of regional imbalances.

During the year 2000-01, Central assistance of Rs.378.88 crore was provided toStates for the implementation of their Work Plans under the Macro Management Scheme.

(b): Since implementation of Macro Management Scheme was started only inNovember, 2000, it is too early to analyse the impact of Scheme on Growth rate.